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### Recent Council Actions

The City Council authorized the purchase of four replacement vehicles from the approved State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture Contract, for a total estimate of \$121,679. The cost of this replacement is in the adopted Capital Improvements Program and the approved 2011 Annual Budget.



The City Council also approved the quote from Appollo Systems in the amount of \$70,425, for the replacement of the televisions and audio system in the fitness center. The new televisions and audio system will increase the number of news channels available to members and will improve the FM frequencies to eliminate interference in audio. In addition, the new televisions are LED and use between 30-40% less energy than the current televisions.

### Shoreview Human Rights Commission Hosts Community Dialogue

The Shoreview Human Rights Commission will host a Community Dialogue: **Religious Diversity in our Communities** on Monday, February 7 at 6 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center.

The public is invited to join other community members to increase awareness of the diversity of faith and spiritual beliefs in our community. Through a panel of representatives from several religious and spiritual backgrounds, it is our goal to engage in a dialogue that bridges



differences and builds a greater understanding across spiritual and religious beliefs in order to promote peace, cooperation and unity in our community.

The Shoreview Human Rights Commission along with National Karate, North Oaks Peace United Methodist Church, White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, Mounds View High School, Church World Service and Frey Law Office will host Creating a Welcoming Community through Understanding the Diversity of Faith and Spiritual Beliefs in our Community.

A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. Daycare is provided to individuals registering by Wednesday, February 2.

The event is free, but registration is required to [tmelvin@shoreviewmn.gov](mailto:tmelvin@shoreviewmn.gov) or call 651.490.4613.

### **Taste of Slice to be held on Thursday, February 24**



Join your neighbors at the Taste of Slice on Thursday, February 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center. At the event you can sample delicious food from area restaurants, win drawings, bid on silent auction items and hear about the 2011 Slice of Shoreview celebration.

Cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance or \$20 per person at the door. Registration is available at

[www.shoreviewmn.gov](http://www.shoreviewmn.gov) **Online Payments.**

### **Environmental Quality Committee Hosts 2011 Speaker Series**

This winter and spring the Environmental Quality Committee is sponsoring a series of free presentations with information on a variety of issues that are affecting the environment around where you live.



**Buckthorn: Identification, Impacts, Control**  
**February 17, 7 pm City Council Chambers**  
**Laura Van Riper, Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator, MNDNR**

Buckthorn is a non-native plant that has been classified as a noxious weed in Minnesota and can be found in many parts of Shoreview. It can quickly out compete beneficial native plants. Areas infested with buckthorn usually lack other vegetation, which can result in soil erosion and affect wildlife. Learn how it can affect the environment and what you can do to control the spread of buckthorn.

### **Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota**

**March 16, 7 pm City Council Chambers**

**Mark Abrahamson, Entomologist, MN State Dept. of Agriculture**

A little green bug is threatening to wipe out many trees in Shoreview and Minnesota. We'll have the latest information on where emerald ash borer has been found in the state, the impacts it is having, what is being done about it in Shoreview and the rest of the state, and what you can do to protect trees on your property.

### **Curbside Collection of Organics - Pilot Program**

**April 20, 7 pm City Council Chambers**

#### **Eureka Recycling**

It's the newest frontier in recycling: organics composting. Eureka Recycling is wrapping up a study on collecting food waste including meat scraps, dairy products and non-recyclable papers from St. Paul residents. This organic material is then turned into nutrient rich compost. Find out what Eureka Recycling learned about what works and doesn't work for curbside collection of organic material, and if such a program could be coming to Shoreview.

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